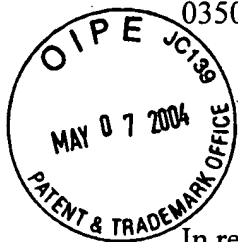


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Andrea H. Evans
KOTA UCHIDA, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2854
Application No.: 10/614,005	)	
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Filed: July 8, 2003	)	
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For: RECORDING APPARATUS	)	May 6, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2004, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-8), drawn to a recording apparatus with adjustable height of the print head carriage guide shaft, where the shaft keeps a constant position in the printing media transporting direction classified in class 400, subclass 283. Favorable consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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